AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS AND CLAIM LISTING

The listing of the claims immediately below, in which certain amendments are highlighted, replaces all prior versions of the claims provided in this application. Amendments to the claims previously entered in this application have not been highlighted herein.

61.   (Once Amended):   A method, comprising the steps of:

~~associating a mnemonic name with a multimedia object;~~

receiving a set of sequences of keystrokes, mouse actions, or keystrokes and mouse actions;

detecting whether a mnemonic name is present in said sequences of keystrokes, mouse actions, or keystrokes and mouse actions, said mnemonic name being associated with one of a set of multimedia objects;

when said mnemonic name is detected in said set of sequences, replacing said mnemonic name with said one multimedia object in said set of sequences; and

~~associating an ensemble with said multimedia object, said ensemble having a set of ensemble properties;~~

~~wherein each said multimedia object has a set of editable properties~~

wherein said set of multimedia objects are associated with an ensemble, said ensemble having a set of ensemble properties.

62.   (Original):   A method as in claim 61, wherein said ensemble properties are effective to select among a set of alternative multimedia objects for each multimedia object in said set.

63. (Original): A method as in claim 61, wherein said ensemble properties include a theme, said theme being effective to select, for each multimedia object in said ensemble, one multimedia object from a set of multimedia objects associated with said theme.

64. (Original): A method as in claim 61, wherein said ensemble properties are editable in response to a set of editing abbreviations.

65. (Original): A method as in claim 64, wherein each said editing abbreviation comprises a relatively short sequence of keystrokes or mouse actions.

66. (Original): A method as in claim 61, further comprising the steps of:
communicating at least one of said ensemble properties to a recipient with an electronic chat message or an electronic mail message; and
presenting said multimedia object to said recipient in accordance with said at least one of said ensemble properties.

67. (Original): A method as in claim 66, further comprising the step of conditionally overriding at least one of said ensemble properties in response to a capability of said recipient's presentation device, whereby said multimedia object is presented to said recipient in accordance with a different at least one of said ensemble properties.

68. (Original): A method as in claim 66, further comprising the step of conditionally overriding at least one of said ensemble properties in response to an action by said

recipient, whereby said multimedia object is presented to said recipient in accordance with a different at least one of said ensemble properties.

69. (Original):   A method as in claim 68, wherein said action includes time taken by said recipient to review the multimedia object.

70. (Once Amended):   A system, comprising:

a database having a set of mnemonic names, each associated with at least one corresponding multimedia object;

an input device for a set of sequences of keystrokes, mouse actions, or keystrokes and mouse actions;

a detector capable of detecting at least one of said mnemonic names in said set of sequences and of replacing said mnemonic name with at least one corresponding multimedia object in said set of sequences; and

an associating mechanism capable of associating an ensemble with a set of said multimedia objects, said ensemble having a set of ensemble properties-;

wherein each said multimedia object has a set of editable properties.

71. (Original):   A system as in claim 70, wherein said ensemble properties are effective to select among a set of alternative multimedia objects for each multimedia object in said set.

72. (Original):   A system as in claim 70, wherein said ensemble properties include a theme, said theme being effective to select, for each multimedia object in said ensemble, one multimedia object from a set of multimedia objects associated with said theme.

73. (Original): A system as in claim 70, wherein said ensemble properties are editable in response to a set of editing abbreviations.

74. (Original): A system as in claim 73, wherein each said editing abbreviation comprises a relatively short sequence of keystrokes or mouse actions.

75. (Original): A system as in claim 70, further comprising:

a communicating mechanism capable of sending at least one of said ensemble properties to a recipient with an electronic chat message or an electronic mail message; and

a presentation mechanism capable of presenting said multimedia objects to said recipient in accordance with said at least one of said ensemble properties.

76. (Original): A system as in claim 75, further comprising a mechanism capable of conditionally overriding at least one of said ensemble properties in response to a capability of said recipient's presentation device, whereby said multimedia objects are presented to said recipient in accordance with a different at least one of said ensemble properties.

77. (Original): A system as in claim 75, further comprising a mechanism capable of conditionally overriding at least one of said ensemble properties in response to an action by said recipient, whereby said multimedia objects are presented to said recipient in accordance with a different at least one of said ensemble properties.

78. (Original):   A system as in claim 77, wherein said action comprises time taken by said recipient to review the multimedia objects.